Sandringham School
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Dear Families,

A-level Geography Field Trip - Sunday 21st – Tuesday 23rd March 2027

As part of the Geography A-level course, it is compulsory for students to complete four days of fieldwork for their Non-Examined Assessment which is worth 20% of their A-level grade. We are undertaking a residential trip to Dorset during the spring term to provide students with the opportunity to learn about the process of conducting fieldwork to prepare them for their NEA.

At Sandringham, we commit to a residential trip to Dorset. Students will be staying at Leeson House in Swanage learning from specialised tutors. This is one of the most highly respected field study centres in the UK and we believe that this trip offers our students the chance of achieving the best grade possible for this critical component of the course. Tutors from the centre will work alongside teachers to deliver a comprehensive programme of study, enabling students to effectively prepare for and carry out an NEA to a high standard.

The cost of the trip is **£300**. This includes transport by coach to Dorset, transport between different urban and rural locations during the visit, full board accommodation at the centre and bespoke tutorial sessions delivered by expert tutors.

Please make your payment via ParentPay. You can either pay the full amount now, or you can pay in two instalments using the following deadlines:

- Initial deposit of £125 by 1st December 2026
- Balance of £175 by 28th February 2027

If your child is in receipt of a 16-19 bursary, the cost of the trip will be fully covered.

Participation in this trip is subject to good conduct in school prior to the trip taking place. If any student's behaviour or attitude is in question and they are removed from the trip due to their conduct, any monies paid to date will not be refunded.

The school holds travel insurance through the Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) which provides cover in case of travel disruption, medical issues and other emergencies. This insurance does not cover any personal items including money, phones, gadgets and clothing in case of loss, damage or theft.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at admin@sandringham.aetrust.uk

Yours sincerely,

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